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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/046,745	Applicant(s) BARKAN ET AL.
	Examiner Venkat Perungavoor	Art Unit 2432

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2008.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 14-28 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 14-28 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 14-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6950941 to Lee et al.(hereinafter Lee).

Regarding Claim 14, 22, Lee discloses the of transferring the functionality of a smart device ("existing device") to a different smart device ("new device"), without the need of

intervention of a third trusted authority and/or device, whereas the said functionality of the existing device is allowed to the user by a certified digital document of a certifying authority (CA), comprising: implementing in the new device a document issuing policy of the certifying authority (CA) see Fig. 2; and reading from the existing device into the new device the said certified digital document associated with the said user see Col 9 Ln 29- 32 & Col 12 Ln 29-46; and generating by the new device a new certified digital document according to the said issuing policy of the said CA, which permits the user to use the new device with the same functionality of the existing device see Col 9 Ln 35-40.

Regarding Claim 15, Lee discloses the information associated with the identity of the new device or it's user is stored within the new device see Col 8 Ln 14-19.

Regarding Claim 16, Lee discloses the issuing policy attests to personal identifying information of the user of the device see Col 3 Ln 38-48.

Regarding Claim 17, Lee discloses the new certified digital document is output by the new device through a communication channel see Col 9 Ln 35-40.

Regarding Claim 18, Lee discloses the certified digital documents are permits or certificates see Fig. 2.

Regarding Claim 19, 28, Lee discloses a person using the new device to sign or certify a digital document is requested to identify himself prior to the new device signing or certifying the digital document see Col 3 Ln 53-63.

Regarding Claim 20, 25, Lee discloses a user identifies himself using biometric identification information see Fig. 4.

Regarding Claim 21, 26, Lee discloses a plurality of certified digital documents associated with the user are stored within the new device, each of which plurality of certified digital documents is associated with a different certifying authority see Fig. 8.

Regarding Claim 23, Lee discloses the said program generates the new certified digital document from a certified document associated with the user if data in the certified document is consistent with the document issuing policy see Col 12 Ln 20-28.

Regarding Claim 24, Lee discloses controller reads a digital document provided to the smart device and signs or certifies the digital document only after the electronic device attests to personal identifying of the user see Col 13 Ln 24-29.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6950941 to Lee in view of U.S Patent 5721781 to Deo.

Regarding Claim 27 and 28, Lee does not disclose the wristwatch and smart card device. However, Deo discloses the wristwatch and smart card device see Col 4 Ln 21- 35. It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the wristwatch and smart card device in the invention of Romney in order to use conventional electronics.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

/V. P./
Examiner, Art Unit 2432
December 1, 2008

/Gilberto Barron Jr/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2432